

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1618**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: *POROUS DRUG MATRICES AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF*

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir.

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 8, 2006, please consider the following remarks. A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 9, 2007. Submitted with this Amendment and Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for response one month, to and including July 9, 2007. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$120.00, the fee filing a Petition for Extension of Time, for a large entity, to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.